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A.R.S. § 36-136(H)(1) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) shall “define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures for detecting, reporting, preventing, and controlling communicable and preventable diseases.” A.R.S. § 36-672 states that “the director shall adopt rules prescribing required immunizations for school attendance, the approved means of immunization and indicated reinforcing immunizations for diseases, and identifying types of health agencies and health care providers which may sign a laboratory evidence of immunity. The rules shall include the required doses, recommended optimum ages for administration of the immunizations, persons who are authorized representatives to sign on behalf of a health agency and other provisions necessary to implement this article.” In addition, A.R.S. § 36-672 and A.R.S. § 15-873 require the director, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, to develop rules for standards for documentary proof of immunization. The rules in 9 A.A.C. Chapter 6, Article 7 implement these statutes.

The Department filed a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening for the Required Immunizations for Child Care or School Entry rules on February 29, 2008. This docket opening notice was published in the [Arizona Administrative Register](#) on March 21, 2008.

The Department currently is drafting the Required Immunizations for Child Care or School Entry rules.

This rulemaking will:

- Modify the required immunizations necessary for child care or school entry.
- Revise the tables illustrating the immunizations requirements to increase clarity and readability.
- Update the language of the rules to conform to current rulemaking style and format.

After completing the draft, the Department will post the draft rules on the Required Immunizations web page.

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